

Independence Criteria for Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The Company considers persons who do not fall under any of the following to be independent; provided, however, that this does not preclude the Company from making judgment that such persons who meet these independence criteria are virtually not independent given specific circumstances:

- (1) Persons who have the Company as their major business partner (meaning persons who received payments from the Company for products or services in an amount that exceeds, in any of their last three (3) fiscal years, two percent (2%) of their consolidated annual revenue or consolidated annual net sales), or persons executing the business operations thereof (meaning an “executive” as defined in Article 2, paragraph 3, item (vi) of the Regulations for Enforcement of the Companies Act; the same shall apply hereinafter in these independence criteria);
- (2) Persons who are the Company’s major business partners (meaning persons who made payments to the Company for products or services in an amount that exceeds, in any of the Company’s last three (3) fiscal years, two percent (2%) of the Company’s consolidated annual revenue), or persons executing the business operations thereof;
- (3) Consultants, accounting or legal professionals who received from the Company monetary consideration or other properties of ten (10) million yen or more, except for the remuneration of the Directors or the Audit & Supervisory Board Members, in any of their last three (3) fiscal years (or those persons who belong to corporations, associations or any other entity, which received from the Company monetary consideration or other properties of one hundred (100) million yen or more in any of their last three (3) fiscal years);
- (4) Persons who received from the Company any donation or grant of ten (10) million yen or more in any of their last three (3) fiscal years (or those persons who belong to corporations, associations or any other entity, which received from the Company any donation or grant of one hundred (100) million yen or more in any of their last three (3) fiscal years);
- (5) Persons who fall under either of ① and ② below in any of the past ten (10) years;
 - ① Persons executing the business operations of the parent company of the Company (including directors who are not persons executing the business operations, and including audit & supervisory board members in cases where it must be determined whether Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members meet these independence criteria); or
 - ② Persons executing the business operations of any subsidiary of the parent company of the Company (excluding the Company and its subsidiaries; the same shall apply hereinafter); or
- (6) Close relatives (Note 1) of persons who fall under any of ① to ③ below (excluding persons other than persons with important positions (Note 2));
 - ① Persons who fall under any of (1) to (5) above;

- ② Persons executing the business operations of any subsidiary of the Company (including directors who are not persons executing the business operations in cases where it must be determined whether Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members meet these independence criteria), persons executing the business operations of the parent company of the Company (including directors who are not persons executing the business operations, and including audit & supervisory board members in cases where it must be determined whether Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members meet these independence criteria), or persons executing the business operations of any subsidiary of the parent company; or
- ③ Persons who were persons executing the business operations of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company in any of the past three (3) years (including directors who are not persons executing the business operations in cases where it must be determined whether Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members meet these independence criteria).

(Note 1) Close relatives mean the spouse and relatives within the second degree of kinship.

(Note 2) Persons with important positions mean the directors (excluding outside directors), executive officers, department heads, certified public accountants who belong to audit corporations or accounting firms, lawyers who belong to law firms and any other person who is objectively and reasonably found to have a similar importance.